

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS TO MPEDA CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of the financial grants allocated to the Marine Products Export Development Authority during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have introduced any new schemes to promote export of marine products through the office of MPEDA, Chennai; and (
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) The financial grants allocated to the Marine Products Export Development Authority during the last three years are given below:

Year Grant allocated (in Rs.lakh)

1998-99	1340.89
1999-2000	1600
2000-01	2425

(b) & (c) : The Marine Products Export Development Authority(MPEDA) has been operating a number of schemes for extending financial assistance to facilitate export promotion of marine products through modernization and technological upgradation of seafood processing units and promotion of aquaculture. These Schemes are implemented through their offices located in different parts of the country, including the one at Chennai. These Schemes include the following new schemes viz., i) financial assistance for acquisition of refrigerated trucks/containers, ii) subsidy for setting up PCR laboratories in hatcheries, iii) subsidy for effluent treatment system, iv) subsidy for establishment of chill room facilities in shrimp/prawn farming areas etc.